

GCS participation in NASA's Mentor-Protégé Program

HBCU/MSI Technology Infusion Road Tour

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Has the MPA Been Successful?

- We at GCS have found that participating in the NASA Mentor Protégé program has been extremely beneficial.
- Provides additional incentive for a large contractor such as Jacobs to further develop and grow a small disadvantaged business such as GeoControl Systems Inc.
- At the end of the day both companies benefit from the interchange of ideas, information, insight and expertise.
- Mentor receives recognition from NASA for the activity

NASA Mentor-Protégé Program

- Sponsoring NASA Center – JSC White Sands Test Facility
- NASA/WSTF Test and Evaluation Support Team(TEST) contract
- Mentor – Jacobs Technology Inc. Prime Contractor
- Protégé – GeoControl Systems Inc,
 - HUBZone, Woman-Owned, Small Disadvantaged Business
 - GCS provides engineering and administrative support services to the NASA and its prime aerospace contractors
 - GCS ranked nationally among the largest HUBZone firms with Engineering Services as the primary service offerings

MPA Goals

- Provide the technical expertise needed to further the growth of GCS in the areas of facility support services, managing a union workforce, and evaluating the viability of self insurance for workers compensation insurance
- These areas will allow GCS to compete for procurements not only within NASA but with other government agencies.
- Proposed period of performance – 3 years and included specific milestones

Highlights for Developmental Task Achievements

- Identified core capabilities to focus on that relate to facility support services (Pressure Systems Engineering, HVAC, Logistics, Project Management, Sustainability, etc.)
- Identified teaming opportunities for GCS with Jacobs – recently awarded the follow on TEST2 contract at NASA/WSTF
- Identified barriers to market entry.
- Access to and discussions with FSS subject matter experts (PVS, Logistics, Mail Delivery, LEED & Sustainability, HVAC, Facility Maintenance & Reliability, Computerized Maintenance Management System)

Task Achievements continued

- Managing a Union Workforce
 - Negotiating a collective bargaining agreement
 - Managing to the CBA
- GCS Project Manager completed training and certification from the Society of Maintenance & Reliability Professionals
 - Certified Maintenance & Reliability Professional (CMRP)